



# FRIENDS' FOCUS

Newsletter of the Friends of the Belen Public Library  
333 Becker Avenue, Belen, NM 87002  
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## FRIENDS' ANNUAL BOOK SALE IN OCTOBER

The Friends' annual fall book sale is almost here! This always-popular event will be staged inside the lecture hall of your newly renovated and expanded Belen Public Library at 333 Becker on Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18. On Friday from 1:00 – 4:30 PM, members of the Friends of the Library will be treated to a private preview of the sale where they can purchase a bag of books for only \$1 and sample a variety of refreshments. Then Saturday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM the sale is open to the public. You can renew your membership in the Friends or become a new member at either sale.

The sale requires a huge amount of time and effort to plan, set up, and run. YOU can help:

- **Donate books:** The Book Sale Committee is accepting donations of almost any kind of book, as well as CDs, DVDs, and videos. Children's books are always needed, but Readers Digest Condensed Books and most magazines are not. Just drop your book donations off at the library or arrange for pickup by calling the library at 864-7522 or Laura Hawes, Book Sale Chair, at 861-1925.
- **Coordinate volunteers:** Help coordinate volunteers and call them to pick-up donated books; place books in storage at the library; and set-up, run, and take down the sale. To find out about this effort, call Laura at 861-1925.
- **Assist with sale set-up:** On Thursday morning, October 16, help remove books from storage at the library, sort the books, and arrange them on tables in the library's lecture hall. Call Laura at 861-1925.
- **Provide refreshments:** Refreshments of any kind are needed. To donate goodies or oversee the refreshments table, call Barbara Forrest, Refreshments Chair, at 859-1229.
- **Assist with sale take-down:** Post-sale, any remaining books must be boxed and placed back in storage. Also, the lecture hall must be returned to its pre-sale condition. Call Laura at 861-1925.

Much of the proceeds of the sale will go toward children's reading programs (including prizes, performers, and parties), library furnishings, and other incidental library expenses.

Thanks to Laura Hawes, Book Sale Chair, and her husband Don, for their tireless efforts year-round to collect, sort, and store sale books and for coordinating and organizing the sale again this year.



*Friends of the Library book sales have lots to offer!*

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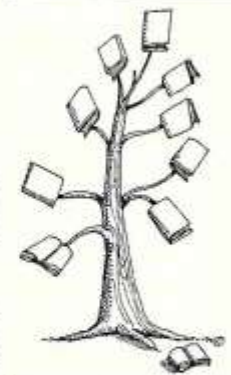
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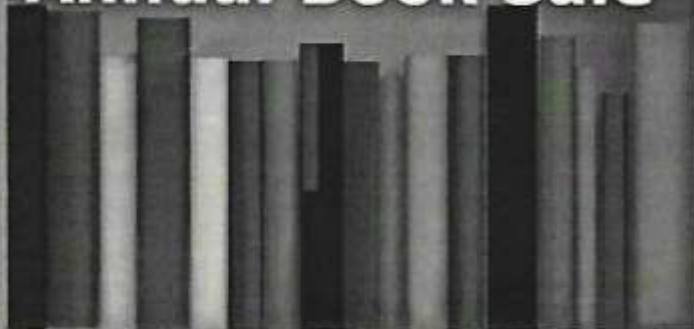
### Our Mission

The Friends of the Library supports libraries, learning, and the promotion of reading.

Autumn 2008




**Friends of the Belen Library**  
**Annual Book Sale**



**Friday, October 17**  
**Members of the Friends only**  
**1:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Saturday, October 18**  
**Open to the public**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**All books  
a buck  
a bag!**



**Located inside your new Belen Library**  
333 Becker St., Belen, NM, 87002 <http://www.belenfriends.org>

## Readers' Group Plans Ahead

The Friends of the Library Readers' Group has already planned ahead for the next few months. Attend the next meetings to discuss *Sarah's Quilt* by Nancy E. Turner (October 27), *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hossieni (November 24), and *The Silk Scarf* by Sandy Schauer (December 15). The Group meets in the lecture hall at your Belen library on the last Monday of each month at 10 AM, except for the December meeting. The group agreed to meet earlier in the month due to the holidays and to accept Cheryl Estill's offer to meet in her home for a holiday celebration.

No matter when or where these gatherings are held, everyone is welcome to attend; membership in the Friends is not required. A list of the group's past selections is archived at [www.belenfriends.org](http://www.belenfriends.org). For more information about the Group, call June Romero, group facilitator, at 864-1825.

## Help the Friends!

You may be the one who can REALLY help your Friends group by volunteering for the position of:

**Friends Webmaster** - Visit [www.belenfriends.org](http://www.belenfriends.org) to see what a nice site it is. And it's easy to maintain! Call Tami, 864-3700.

**Book Sale Co-Chair** - Chair Laura Hawes (861-1925) is a pro at putting on the sales but could really use help.

Please consider these two opportunities. WE NEED YOU.

## EVENT CALENDAR



**BELEN FARMERS MARKET:** Friends will staff a table on October 10 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM to spread the news about your new library, publicize the upcoming fall book sale, and sell books. Call Barbara (859-1229) to find out more and volunteer.

**ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE:** October 16 (set up), 17 (sale for Friends only), and 18 (open to the public). Donations of books are being accepted now. Call Laura (861-1925) to volunteer to set up, work the sale, or take down. (See page 1.)

**2009 ANNUAL MEETING:** Sunday, March 29, 2 PM, in the library's lecture hall. Featured program to be announced.



## “B” IS FOR LIBRARIES

“B” is for libraries when it’s the 2008 GO Bond B (Library Materials Acquisition), an \$11 million General Obligation (GO) bond. This bond issue will be on the ballot on general election day, Tuesday, November 4. Passage of the bond would benefit New Mexicans of all ages statewide:

- Public and community libraries (including rural bookmobiles) will receive \$3 million.
- Public school libraries and two juvenile detention libraries will share \$3 million.
- Public colleges and university campus libraries will divide \$3 million.
- Tribal public, school, and college libraries will receive \$2 million.

GO Bonds have had a significant impact on libraries all over the state. New Mexicans have benefited from up-to-date information and new books available at their public libraries. During the 2006 bond cycle, public libraries increased spending for collections by 39% and increased the number of computer workstations by 46%. One public library tripled the number of books in its children’s library, while another reduced the wait time for use of a computer from 2 hours to ten minutes. Since receiving bond-issue funds, the number of public library visits has increased by 15%. Valencia County’s libraries would receive a total of \$249,402:

• Belen Public Library:	\$ 42,809
• Belen School District:	\$ 40,561
• Bosque Farms Public Library	\$ 11,885
• Isleta Pueblo Public Library	\$ 9,180
• Los Lunas Public Library	\$ 50,581
• Los Lunas School District	\$ 58,662
• UNM - Valencia Library	\$ 35,724



For much more information, go to <http://bondsforlibraries.org>. Vote YES for libraries!

### THE BOOK NOOK

FRIENDS ONGOING  
BOOK SALE

HARD COVERS: \$1  
PAPERBACKS: 25 cents

The Book Nook is located in the new wing of the library, outside the lecture hall near the Red Stone Café.

### SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY: BUY FRIENDS GEAR!



### FRIENDS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Susan Campbell  
Tylene Craven  
Eliana Dowdy  
Tessimay Dowdy  
Leroy Gonzales  
Roseann Peralta  
M. Schauer

The Friends of the Library is selling “library gear” at <http://www.cafepress.com/belenlibrary>. You can purchase items such as t-shirts, hats, tote bags, license plate frames, coasters, mugs, magnets, postcards, greeting cards, and more with the library’s new logo. A portion of anything you buy will benefit your Friends group, which helps fund the Belen Public Library’s programs for young people and purchase new books for all ages. You can also reach the site by going to [www.belenfriends.org](http://www.belenfriends.org) and clicking on “What’s New.” Keep checking on the library gear because new items will be added.

Check the date on your address label. If the date has passed, re-new your membership now! See above.

**LOOK!**

To:



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you believe in libraries, learning, and the promotion of reading, this form is for you! (1) Join the Friends of the Belen Public Library. Your membership entitles you to attend the preview of the annual Book Sale, receive the Friends' quarterly newsletter, and much more! (2) Are you a current member? Use this form to renew your membership.

New Member       Renewal      \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Please check a Membership category and/or indicate the amount of your donation to the building fund:

Individual (\$5)       Patron (\$25)       Family (\$8)       Lifetime (\$100)

We need you! Please volunteer some time and energy to serve on a committee!

Refreshments       Program  
 Book Sale       Publicity

Mail your completed form along with a check made out to **Friends of the Library** to 333 Becker Avenue, Belen, NM, 87002. Or on your next visit to the Library, drop off your check and form at the front desk.